Waterlogging in coal mines of Madhya Pradesh

†1834. MISS ANUSUIYA UIKEY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the danger that may arise out of water-logging in underground coal mines of Tandsi, Chhindwada of Madhya Pradesh;

(b) whether one section of this mine closed down totally or partially in month of April;

(c) if so, the steps taken or being taken to overcome the danger arisen out of waterlogging; and

(d) The details of safety measures taken in this mine for future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO): (a) Yes, Sir. The mine management is aware of possible water-logging at Tandsi 3 and 4 under ground coal mine; in Chhindwada district of Madhya Pradesh.

(b) on 16-4-2007 one section of Tandsi 1 and 2 mine, *i.e.* 14X depillaring section was stopped due to waterlogging in adjacent Tandsi 3 and 4 mine.

(c) waterlogged workings were dewatered successfully to overcome the danger.

(d) water level is being kept at safe level as suggested by Directorate General of Mines Safety (DGMS) and is being monitored regularly as safety measure in future. Stand-by pumping arrangement has been made.

Security threat for coal companies

1835. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is security threat for coal companies in our country; and

(b) if so, the actions taken by Government to provide proper security systems for those companies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO):

(a) and (b) There are no special security threats to Coal Companies in the Country.

Generally, the following security measures have been adopted to deal with security threat to the coal companies:-

1. Intelligence gathering;
2. ensuring all round protection to the establishments through CISF and other security personnel;

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